CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
MAY 3, 2022 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Pastor Carl Nielsen gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Cordero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Escobedo (arrived at 5:36 p.m.), Councilmember Soto, and Mayor Patino.

Councilmember Waterfield absent.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Interim Director of Public Works Brett Fulgoni, Assistant City Manager Andrew Hackleman, Interim Library Director Dawn Jackson, Executive Administrator Toni Lane (remote), Chief Human Resources Officer Linda Le (remote), Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Water Conservation Specialist Myra Ritchie, Business Program Leader II Michelle Ruiz, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Councilmember Soto presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of May 2022 as "Water Awareness Month" in the City of Santa Maria and urging residents and businesses to increase their water awareness and make conservation a continuing way of life. Myra Ritchie, Water Conservation Specialist with the Utilities Department, accepted the Proclamation.

B. Water Conservation Specialist Myra Ritchie presented the 11th Annual Water Awareness School Poster Contest Winners. This year's winners were: 1st place - Anahi de la Cruz from Alvin School; 2nd place - Nolan Corsa from Tunnell School; 3rd place - Irma Cervantes Morales from Alvin School; and Honorable Mention: Emmanuel Ayala Sanchez from Jimenez School and Selena Hernandez from Robert Bruce School.

C. Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation recognizing May 15, 2022, as the "100th Anniversary of the Construction of the First United Methodist Church" in the City of Santa Maria and thanking the Church along with its past and present parishioners for providing a spiritual home in the heart of the City. Pastor Bob Isip accepted the Proclamation.

D. Councilmember Escobedo presented a Proclamation recognizing May 1 - 7, 2022, as "Compost Awareness Week" in the City of Santa Maria in appreciation of the efforts of the composting councils, extension agents, homeowners, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, public workers, composters, gardeners, and plant growers everywhere. Bob Engel accepted the proclamation and presented each Councilmember with a plant.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Gary Hall, Eileen Armijo, Andrea Mayfield, Peggy Brierton, and Michele Kwothe each thanked the City Council for placing a mobile home item on the June 7th meeting agenda.

Kathy Sharum spoke about composting and Composting Week.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Consent Calendar Items 3A-3F were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2022-37 and 2022-38. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Waterfield. 4-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 19, 2022.

Action: Minutes adopted as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.

Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Waterfield. 4-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution continuing the extension of the City's ability to conduct meetings of the City Council and City Boards, Commissions, and Committees partially or completely remotely by using a combination of in-person/virtual (hybrid) platforms as authorized by Government Code § 54953(e)(1)(A) to promote social distancing, prioritize the Public's Health and Wellbeing under Santa Barbara County Health Officer Orders, and provide flexibility as needed to facilitate continuity of government.

Action: Extension was granted to conduct meetings remotely as needed.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-37. Absent: Councilmember Waterfield. 4-0.

D. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Waterfield. 4-0.

E. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Waterfield. 4-0.

F. Adopt a Resolution establishing no stopping zones on Crossroad Lane, between McCoy Lane and Bradley Road.

Action: No stopping zones were approved on Crossroad Lane.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-38. Absent: Councilmember Waterfield. 4-0.

4 PRESENTATION

A. **SERVE SANTA MARIA UPDATE.** The City Council received a presentation from Pastor Carl Nielsen regarding the recent Serve Santa Maria Day held on April 30, 2022. Various projects that were successfully completed included tree plantings at Carmen Lane and Blosser Road, graffiti abatement, yard work for elderly residents, and stenciling the U.S. map on a school and church playground.

B. **SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL BROADBAND PROJECT.** The City Council received a presentation from the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) regarding its Regional Broadband Strategy Project. Broadband Consultant Maria Kelly gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. The timeline for the year has the project wrapping up in November 2022.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be May 17, 2022. Items on the agenda would include a Proclamation for "Go Rodeo Days"; a presentation from Central Coast Community Energy (C3E); a Pavement Management Plan Update; and the 3rd Quarter Financial Report.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a United Way meeting; an informational Broadband presentation; the Police Department Awards Program; and a CCWA Board meeting.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended the Serve Santa Maria Day event.

Councilmember Soto reported she attended the Earth Day Festival.

Mayor Patino reported she attended a Project Opioid meeting; the APCD and SBCAG monthly meetings; an informational Broadband presentation; the Police Department Awards Program; a joint County/Cities Housing Task Force meeting; a Tobacco Prevention meeting; the Strawberry Festival; the Serve Santa Maria Day event; a Minerva Scholarship presentation; and the West Coast Kustoms Car Show.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on May 17, 2022.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

5/25/2022

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria